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I'm very disappointed in the PFJ that has been put forth by the DOJ to punish Microsoft for it's actions. It is no more than a slap on the wrist. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that it helps to continue and extend the monopoly power that Microsoft has over home/office computing sector. There is one simple thing in the PFJ that I believe helps Microsoft's monopoly. The PFJ allows Microsoft to raise artificial barriers to those that are interested in creating a Windows-compatible operating system. While the PFJ does mandate that MS must publish its APIs "for the sole purpose of interoperating with a Windows Operating System Product". This clause specifically disallows companies/individuals to use the information that Microsoft is compelled to disclose to create an alternative operating system which would still be able to run applications created for Windows, thus helping competition and giving consumers an alternative to a Microsoft operating system.

There are other points that I have contention with, but I do not have time to read the entire PFJ and critique them all. I sincerely hope that the DOJ does the right thing when it comes to the final judgement and gives the public a choice when it comes to home/office operating systems.

Sincerely,  
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